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## AMENDMENT

In response to the office action mailed 03/01/02 please amend the application as follows:

## In the specification:

Please rewrite the paragraph at Column 4, lines 21-27, as follows:

Body member 24 has a substantially cylindrical configuration having a longitudinal axis extending vertically and a radially-extending thickness with an outer surface 28 and a central opening, such as a first bore 30, defined longitudinally therethrough. Hence, when the term "axial direction" is used henceforth, it is meant to correspond to a direction extending along the vertically extending longitudinal axis, and when the term "radial direction" is used henceforth, it is meant to correspond to a direction perpendicular to the axial direction. A larger second bore 32 is defined in the upper end of body member 24 such that an upwardly facing annular shoulder 34 is defined between first bore 30 and second bore 32. Thus, a recess is formed in the upper end of the central opening.